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disclose or suggest the combination of "spreading one portion of the slurry for application provided on the front surface covering base paper by a spreader roll to form a spread portion of the slurry for application while providing non-spread portions of the slurry for application at both sides of the spread portion" and "a length of the spreader roll in axial directions is 98% through 108% of a distance between boundary lines of the front surface and the side surface" as claimed in independent Claim 5 of the present invention.

JP 08-112808 discloses the length of the spreading roll 14 in the longitudinal directions is smaller than the width of the stencil paper A and a non-spreading portion 20 of the slurry is formed between each end of the spreading roll 14 and each edge of stencil paper A. The width of the non-spreading portion 20 is 10mm through 50mm. (Paragraph 0015). JP 08-112808 does not teach or suggest the relation between the length of the spreading roll 14 in the longitudinal directions and the width of the stencil paper A and the distance between boundary lines of the front surface and side surfaces of a product. Therefore, the present invention as claimed is not obvious to JP 08-112808 because the reference does not teach or suggest "a length of the spreader roll in axial directions is 98% through 108% of a distance between boundary lines of the front surface and the side surface."

Furthermore, none of the other cited references can be obvious in view of JP 08-112808 because the cited references also do not teach or suggest "a length of the spreader roll in axial directions is 98% through 108% of a distance between boundary lines of the front surface and the side surface." Moreover, none of the cited references teach or suggest "spreading one portion of the slurry for application provided on the front surface covering base paper by a spreader roll to form a spread portion of the slurry for application while providing non-spread portions of the slurry for application at both sides of the spread portion." Therefore, neither Independent Claim 5 nor any claims dependent there from are obvious in view of any of the cited references.

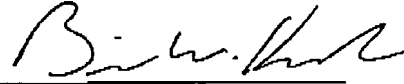
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In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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